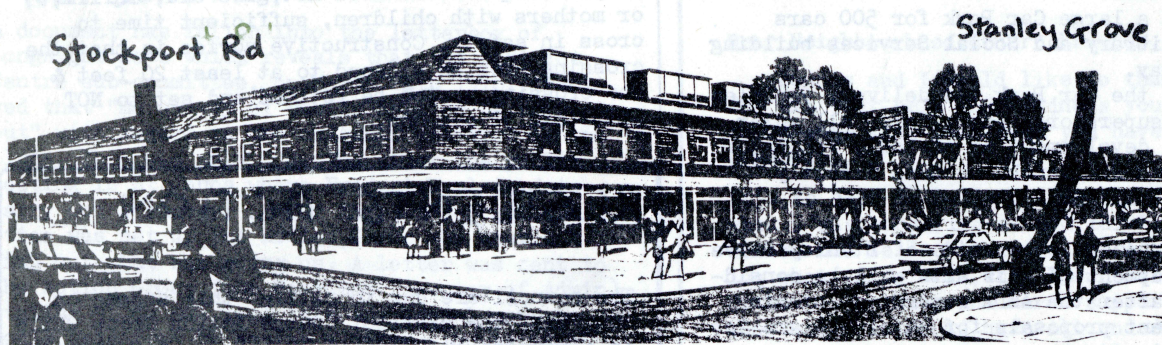


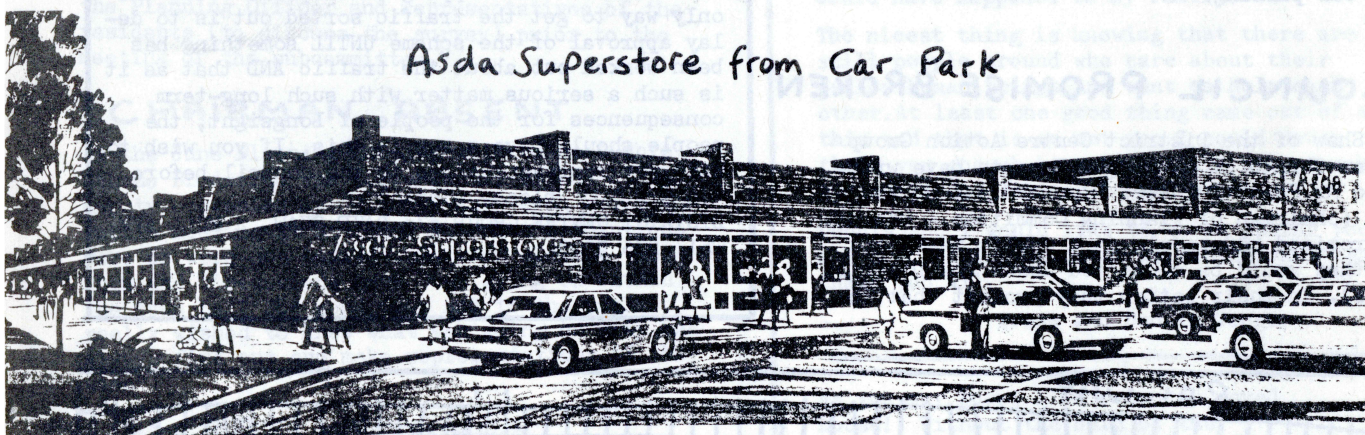
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Asda Superstore from Car Park



ASDA

COMES TO LONGSIGHT!

The new plans accepted by the Planning Committee for a shopping centre to be developed by ASDA, should delight most shoppers in Longsight. That is, until you look at the road. New development in Longsight has all been built around the principle that Stockport Rd was to be pedestrianized with no traffic allowed except perhaps buses, a new Motorway A6M would be built the other side of the railway, AND a local relief road would be built at the back of the district centre.

Because of the cuts these roads are not going through - and may never go through. Even the relief road has been scrapped - because the City would have to foot the bill - and instead the plans show a no through road with a turning circle (paid for by the developer presumably). ASDA will be making enough profit in years to come out of M/c ratepayers to be able to afford to construct a through road.

ASDA hope to start construction Aug 77 and complete the store in approx 36 weeks, to start trading after Easter 78.

"On the day they open, the traffic will be as now, only more so, and the other new buildings will also be open by then" said Mr Robinson, City Engineers. "No other traffic management or traffic engineering schemes will be in operation. About 2 months after trading starts, the Engineers will review the traffic problems (which they realize now will arise), and put in traffic lights at the New Bank St/Kirkmanshulme Lane/Service Road crossroads, and then there will be a junction improvement scheme with more traffic lights at Kirkmanshulme Lane/Stockport Rd".

MORE DEMOLITION

The scheme for Kirkmanshulme Lane/Stockport Rd will probably be done in 1979/80. It will take this long because nos.8 to 36 Kirkmanshulme Lane will have to be acquired and pulled down.

... BUT ROADS WILL BE CHAOS

ASDA: THE PROPOSALS

The present proposals concern only PHASE 1 of the development. There will be an ASDA superstore on Stanley Grove and twelve smaller shops on Stanley Grove and Stockport Rd, with space above for accommodation, office space, or stores. Between these small shops and the Church Hotel there will be five small kiosk type shops positioned along the pedestrian approach to the superstore. Pedestrians using this access and the other openings between the Library, Social Services building and the Church Hotel will then have to cross over the service road at the back of these buildings in order to get to the superstore!

There will be a large Car Park for 500 cars between the Library and Social Services building and the railway.

Cars going to the Car Park and delivery vehicles going to the superstore, shops, etc. all enter and leave the development at the only vehicular access point on Kirkmanshulme Lane directly opposite New Bank Street.

Phase 2 concerns the other side of Stanley Grove and the development of this site will be considered 3 years after the ASDA superstore starts trading. Current proposals for this site are for more car parking.

COUNCIL PROMISE BROKEN

Dave Shaw of the District Centre Action Group and Ken Strath of Longsight Tenants have written to Mr Parnell (Chief Planner) and Mr Broderick (chairman of Planning Committee - the one who promised 400 people at a public meeting that they would be consulted about the District Centre). In their letter they protest that the

resolution to consult the public has been completely ignored. They add that while the scheme is quite acceptable as far as the shopping centre itself goes, there are 2 objections:

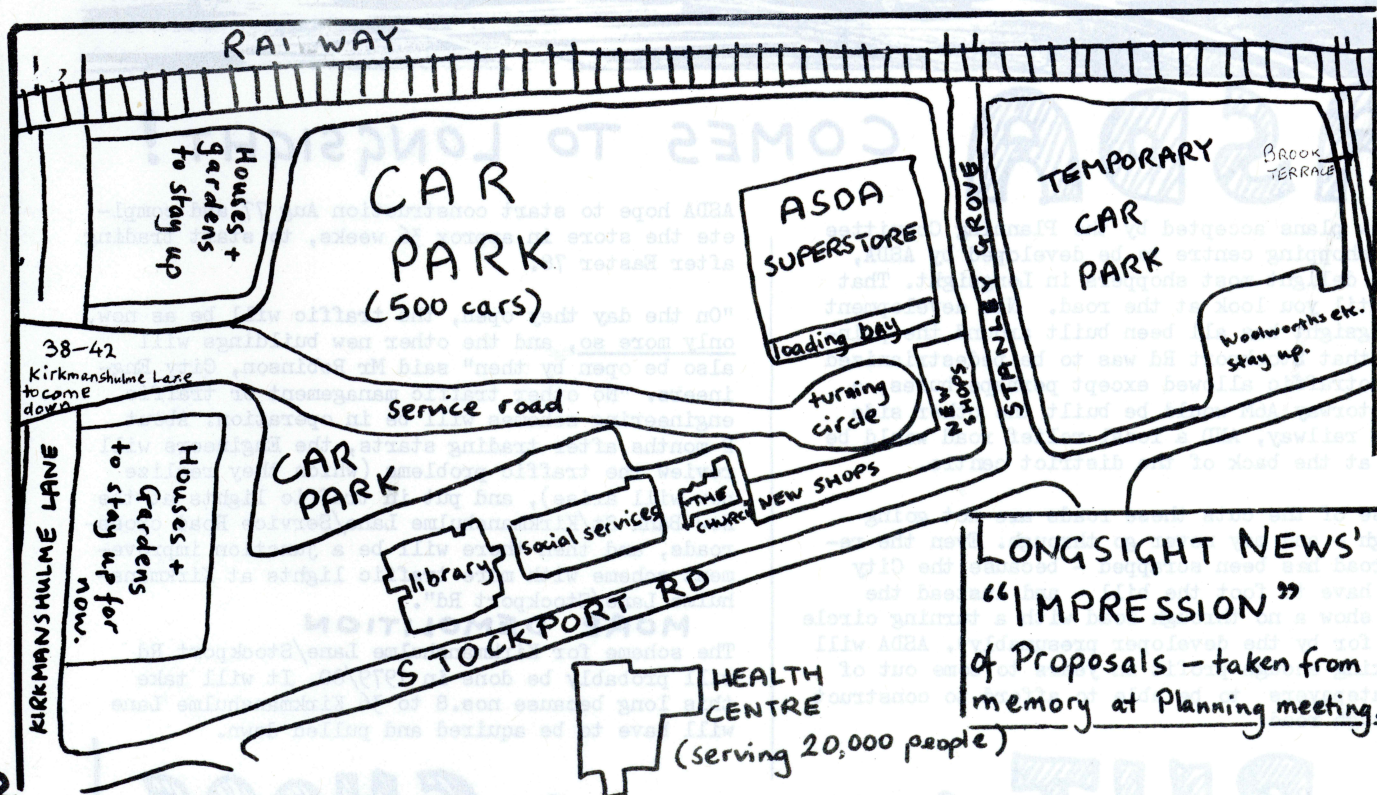
DANGER!

1. The proposed service road Entry and Exit from and to approx no. 38 Kirkmanshulme Lane. This is a notorious traffic blackspot and already the cause of chock-a-block traffic at peak hours, especially the container traffic turning up New Bank St.

2. The Pelican crossing at present situated on Stockport Rd, which will serve the proposed shopping precinct AND the new library AND Health Centre AND social Services new building, is totally inadequate and does not give old, infirm, or mothers with children, sufficient time to cross in safety. Constructive advice is that the crossing area be widened to at least 20 feet & the crossing period be retimed and set to NOT LESS than 30 seconds.

RESIDENTS ACTION

The council are due to ratify this scheme on July 6th. The District Centre Action Group while in favour of the shopping development feels the only way to get the traffic sorted out is to delay approval of the scheme UNTIL something has been worked out about the traffic AND that as it is such a serious matter with such long-term consequences for the people of Longsight, the people should have a say in this. If you wish to make any representations to the council before the 6th July please contact
DISTRICT CENTRE GROUP c/o DAVE SHAW, 4 MULL AVE
Tel. 273 3003.



ASDA

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KIRKMANSHULME LANE

When residents of Kirkmanshulme Lane were consulted WERE THEY TOLD that the proposed access road is not a through road and would take all the traffic IN AND OUT of the new centre? And WERE THEY TOLD that all ASDA's deliveries are at night?

WERE THEY TOLD that the planners intend to come along and serve compulsory purchase orders on nos. 8 to 36 pretty soon after the development is built?

NO SURVEY

A document has fallen into the letterbox of Longsight News which reveals that the District Centre sub-committee, on March 24th 1976, resolved that "no survey of public opinion be carried out" with regard to the original district centre plans. This was only 5 months after the public meeting in St Johns where Broderick pledged to carry out a survey. After this secret subcommittee was set up the Action Group was unable to find out what was going on. A letter was sent to the Action Group from Boardman (Director of Admin) stating "I do not feel that any useful purpose would be served by having a discussion between the Planning Officer and representatives of the residents (to discuss the survey) prior to the meeting of the subcommittee."

CHAIRMAN ABSENT

At the June Planning Meeting which passed this scheme Broderick was conveniently absent & his deputy conveniently "did not know much about the public meeting at St Johns and what resolutions were or were not passed". He then claimed "Meetings and discussions have been going on within the town hall for some time and if the public really wished to know what was going on they can always find out and make representations if they wish".

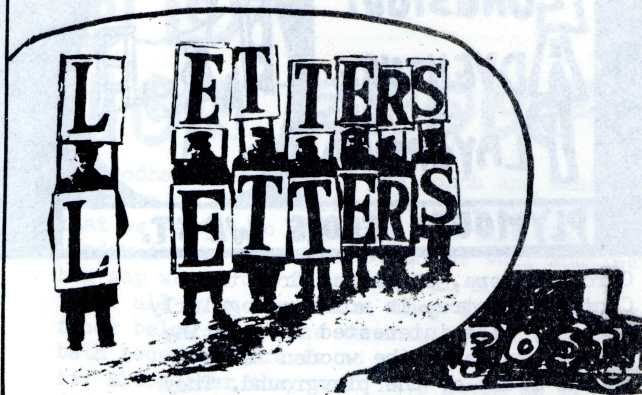
SECRET MEETINGS

Internal town hall meetings are not "common knowledge" as Brierly claimed. They are secret. Longsight News has inquired regularly every 2 months for a year and a half about the progress of the new scheme and public consultation, each time being told "There will be news for you next time". The officers working on the scheme have tried to get publication of details and consultation with the public but they have been blocked - by Parnell? Broderick? or both together?

PUBLIC IN THE DARK

3 weeks before the June planning committee residents heard by a roundabout route that the scheme was coming up soon. When questioned about public participation the planning dept replied "Mr Parnell has decided it is only necessary to consult the 3 councillors and the residents of Kirkmanshulme Lane. There was a definite back-tracking by the planners who had obviously been instructed by Parnell to watch what they said and to whom."

On asking for copies of drawings to take away people have been told "Sorry we haven't got any, they've all gone out to the landscape contractors" OR "Sorry, due to the cuts there are no maps available".



Dear Neighbourhood Centre Friends,

Dennis and I would like to thank you all for all your help and kindness you have given to us over this past week you have all been wonderful.

It's so hard to believe that this time last week I was wandering around, thinking the bottom had fallen out of my world, not knowing what to do next. Then I met all of you. Without your help and moral support I don't know where it would have all ended up or what would have happened to my family.

The nicest thing is knowing that there are still people around who care about their fellow human beings and want to help each other. At least one good thing came out of all this and that is we met you. I could never thank you enough, because you all helped make my family complete again and stronger.

Dennis and I would like to go on seeing you all and helping whenever we can. So once again thank you all.

Irene and Dennis Tonge.

As you may know, I've recently moved house! Without the help of the Neighbourhood Centre, I would never have coped as well as I did. They helped me pack, and un-pack, carried several heavy pieces of furniture etc. and even supplied a van for the day! They certainly worked hard for nearly two days. I want to say thank you to them all for their help.

I also want friends and neighbours to know that these people are at the centre, for the express purpose of helping people in any situation. I found them very pleasant and willing and I'm sorry I can't find time to be one of them. Our deepest thanks and sincere good wishes for future ventures.

I would also like to say I moved from Omer Ave. very reluctantly. We were forced by problems of a serious nature not of our making to leave. I hope that the next tenant of 16 Omer Ave. has more chance there than we did.

R.A. Keffin-Bruce.

LONGSIGHT ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND



PLYMOUTH GROVE WEST.

Carole Betera, an artist from the Contact Theatre, is working regularly with any kids interested in painting a mural to cover the wooden fence at the front of the playground. They are currently in the design stage and are using a room at the Public Library, for which we are grateful to have the use of!! Any kids interested are welcome to join in - come to the adventure playground and find out more from the workers.

We have recently started a Youth Club at Longsight Public Hall, next to the Library. Anybody is welcome to come along and see if they want to join - members pay 5p a week and have the use of disco music, table-tennis, snooker, a sweet/pop shop and other games.

Monday 6 - 9pm Under 13's Club

Thursday 7 - 10pm 13-18 Club

Parents are welcome to make a visit, and volunteers are needed to help Iris and Pauline run the Club.

Please help us to build up this much-needed Youth Club.

Finally - our Cricket Team needs equipment - any offers - and/or friendly opponents!

We need sand (lots of it) also colourful paint, and good strong wood - anyone with donations of these or cheap offers contact playleaders on the playground or ring :-

Larry - 061.225.0306

Steve - 061.881.6669

Mukhtar - 061.224.4181

North Longsight Community Assoc.

c/o 226 Cumbria House, Manchester 12



The sun shone for us on our trip to Blackpool and everyone had a good day, so we are having an evening drive round the Yorkshire Dales on 24th June for our Jubilee Celebrations and maybe the funds will run to a party later on in the year before our Autumn trip out.

Our meeting takes place Wednesday evening at 8.00pm in St. Clement's School.

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Phyllis Bullock.

FORT HARDWICK

SOCIAL CENTRE

"Community Action" have, at the request of elderly residents, and wardens of Coverdale Crescent, been negotiating with the TOWN HALL for over a year to get one of the boarded up flats made available for use as a social centre.

After much discussion, procrastination, report writing etc the Housing Committee finally passed the recommendation at their June meeting, but on condition that Social Services agree to back the venture financially. The Social Services Committee met on 21st June and decided to pay only half the rent - and Housing are not offering to pay the other half - so there will be even more delays trying to sort this out.

It is envisaged that the club, which will be used as a meeting place, for lunch clubs, whist afternoons, musical evenings, etc, will be open every day, and the residents themselves will be responsible for the running and organisation. As soon as the actual address is known we will be holding a public meeting for all those interested in the club.

Gill Marjoram, Community Action, UMIST Union, Sackville St.

Longsight Community Assoc. (New estate)



The Sponsored canoe lasted for 36 hours and was very successful. The boys enjoyed it apart from going through a very dark tunnel in the middle of the night to find bats were flying all around them!

They created a speed record in getting to the other end. Kept awake by rock and roll music they toiled on eventually reaching back at Fairfield Road at 1.30pm on the Sunday just in time to have a quick pint!

Approximately £120 has been raised by this event.

DANCE - JUNE 10TH

The dance was enjoyed by all. Mr. Ken Livesey of the Grey Mare Hotel provided the bar and the Stagecoach Show Band provided the music. Quite a large contingent from Greenwood House joined us and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We hope to arrange another dance shortly.

Evelyn Armstrong
Secretary

GREENWOOD HOUSE ACTION GROUP

On Fri June 10th we had a visit from the Housing Committee. They drove up in a coach to a corner of our flats. Mr Goodhead, the Director of Housing, was the only one who got off the coach at first. He spoke to myself and our secretary Ivy Graham. He said the rest of the committee were not going to get off the coach as they knew what the flats were like.

We pointed out to Mr Goodhead that only a few weeks earlier at a meeting we had with him, at his office, he had promised that the Housing Committee would come to Greenwood House and walk round and talk to some of the people who have to live in the flats. We were also promised that we would get some notice of the visit, which we did not.



Bexhill Drive Action Group

Tenants in the triangle, Bexhill Drive, Stamford Road, Beresford Road, have formed an action group to campaign for full modernisation of their homes, and transfers for everyone that wants them.

At the moment, transfers are practically impossible unless there are very serious health grounds. The action group aims to help all those seeking a transfer. They feel the best way to do this is to pressurize for modernization TOGETHER WITH the option for each tenant to be re-housed before work starts.

JOIN THE ACTION GROUP!

contact: Mrs Pingling, 54 Stamford Rd

Garden Competition

Is there any interest in a garden competition next year? I know it is a long way off but if there is any interest we can start organising now to give people a good chance to organise their gardens, window boxes etc.

Perhaps the children would like a competition. Please let me know at 37 Old Hall Lane.

JANICE MARSDEN

Mr Goodhead got back on the coach and managed to get some of the committee to come up to one flat that we wanted to show them. In this flat the window frames come away from the wall and leave a big gap where the rain comes in and there is fungi all over the walls. They did see a flat one floor below where the tenants cannot use the bath because there is no enamel on the bottom of it. Altogether they must have given as little as fifteen minutes of their time to the visit of Greenwood House. Mr Alan Roberts and Mr Goodhead did try to assure us that by the end of the year we should know what is going to happen to Greenwood House.

Since we last made a report in Longsight News we have applied for a room in our laundry building for use as a community room, for a mothers, toddlers and old peoples club and also a youth club. But we have to wait for written permission to use it before we start any of these clubs.

We are also planning a playscheme for the children in the summer holidays, starting the second week of the holidays and finishing one week before they go back to school.

We held a Jubilee Party on June 7th. 300 people turned up and we couldn't use the playing field as planned because of bad weather but we used the sixth form in the boys high school. Everybody had a good time even though it wasn't intended to stay indoors as much as we did. We had a disco which was great. We would like to thank Mr Roy Ford and his wife who did all the catering for us so well. We also thank the people who came over and helped us on the day, and those who made bunting and rosettes.

Jean Roberts 44 Greenwood House.

**GOOD COMPANIONS &
C-ON-M
OVER 60's**

JUBILEE PARTY

The over 60s clubs of "C-on-M" and the "Good Companions" held a joint party at the West Indian Centre, Carmoor Rd on Tues 14th June.

The day started with a bingo session at 2pm followed by tea which members helped to provide. One member had made a large cake and had put a silver "25" on and we drank the health of the Queen. At 7.30pm the junior band of St Josephs came and entertained us and also played for dancing. The evening ended at 10pm after a very enjoyable day.

The "Good Companions" meet on Thurs afternoons at the Longsight Public Hall on Stockport Rd at the corner of Hayley St. The secretary is Mrs Trowmoor. the C-on M meet on Tues afternoons at the West Indian Centre, Carmoor Rd, secretary Mr Walmsley. Both clubs meet at 2pm till 4.00pm.

JERICO!!

The Bulldozing of the old Victorian housing, which except for the occasional buildings, revealed the dilapidated condition of most of the houses. Mere pressure of the bulldozer or a swinging weight sufficed to bring a row of houses in a cloud of dust.

The majority of these houses, built by speculative builders in the late 1800's and onwards were ripe for demolition, and indeed many were already collapsing.

AND THE WALLS CAME TUMBLING DOWN

The author of this article was invited to a friend's house, one Sunday when there was a loud roar and the rooves of four houses collapsed. This was at a time when most housewives were preparing the Sunday dinner!!

Scores of slates were missing, and the familiar sound of water dripping into a tin bucket was a feature of many houses. Many houses faced a factory wall, thereby being robbed of sunlight; added to which the people would be subjected to fumes and noise from these surrounding factories.

Terraced houses were seldom more than a few yards facing each other, and were stifling hot in hot weather, with narrow entries at the rear. In the summer, people came and sat on the front doorstep to get a breath of air and to get away from the bugs indoors. The Backyard contained a lavatory often frozen in winter.

Large numbers of houses were infested with vermin which had a good hold on the old timber in the rooves and the decaying floorboards. Many industrious people worked hard to combat these conditions, spending large amounts of money to make them habitable. Often they kept the condition of the house secret from a feeling of embarrassment for something which was not their fault. The polished steel fender and various metal knick-knacks shone from hours of elbow grease and spit.

It was a matter of pride that the stone steps were "donkey stoned" and even the flagstones down to the curb were stoned.

The old places are replaced with council estates, and large blocks of flats dominating the houses. This has given rise to many problems unforeseen by the planners. They were unaware of the psychological and economical effects of

PROBLEMS OF HOUSING

CONT

their planning on those people who have to live in the estates.

Perhaps the remedy in the future would be that architects, housing committees and all who are responsible for the layout of working class housing should be required to live in such houses for a period, and thereby understand the problems, and what to add or avoid in future planning for the happiness of those who have to live in the homes they design.

Of course, with such a large disturbance of population, the breakup of neighbourly contact; the loss of the corner shop and its gossip (which was really disappearing before the clearances), due to the attraction of multi-stores and the convenience of the car for shopping around, there was bound to be an emotional effect on people newly housed. New neighbours had to be cultivated; this is difficult on new estates and often takes months or even years to achieve. Old groups such as mothers meetings, old folks' clubs, even the pubs were swept away. Feeling the absence of these activities, many people are at a loss and bewildered.

Young mothers and fathers are often separated from their parents, and young children are confronted by notices forbidding ball games. There is little provision for older children to play, and what there is is often taken up by parked cars. Possibly this is the reason for the origin of vandalism so prevalent today. Even if there are open spaces, it is often dangerous for children to cross traffic ridden roads to reach them.

|| GET TO GETHER ||

There is a great need for tenants groups to be formed to tackle these problems. A tenants paper similar to Longsight News would help to foster these ideas. Pressure should be put on the authorities to provide accommodation for such groups. There should be a centre which could be used for advice on welfare, housing problems, and all sorts of activities which will bring people together, both young and old.

Perhaps people could be invited to speak on topics of interest to all sorts of prospective users of these facilities, and how to obtain them.

After all, it is only waiting for someone to set the ball rolling.

RP.

THE CITADEL



A planner's dream?-or nightmare?
 Or city fathers folly?
 This terraced concrete mountain.
 No sorcerer with spells or incantations
 Could have conjured such a monster.
 Fortress-like it stands
 Menacing.
 But unlike the fortress of old
 It does not ward off some threatening foe.
 Its many storied ramparts house human beings
 who, eager for a home,
 grasped the opportunity in desperation.
 Little realising
 that the balconied paradise could
 become a balconied prison.
 But of course, defying the odds,
 these folk will reject the implication
 that they are besieged
 and holding out friendly arms
 will conquer with warmth and kindness.

T.P.



CLAIMANTS' UNION NEWS

BACK TO SKOOL ON SOCIAL SECURITY

We have recently established, by letter from the Manchester Education Department that there are certain benefits which may be claimed by people already on Social Security with children of school age. These benefits are given out by the Education Department, Crown Square, Manchester M60 3BB and all claimants who qualify for these should apply as soon as possible. Although some of these may be claimed as exceptional needs payments from the Social Security, it is probably easier to get the money from the Local Education Authority. The schemes are as follows:

free SCHOOL MEALS

These are available to pupils of primary and secondary school age automatically where parents are in receipt of supplementary benefit or Family Income Supplement. Supplementary Benefit cases are reviewed every 6 months, and FIS cases are reviewed annually. Apply for a form at the school your child attends and when it is filled in, take it to the Education Office on Mount Road, Gorton.

school CLOTHING awards

These are available to pupils of secondary age only. Parents on supplementary benefit or FIS automatically qualify. The amount of the award varies according to the age of the child and it can be used to purchase any items of clothing suitable for school wear, including shoes, but not sportswear. These awards are reviewed annually.

MAINTENANCE awards

These are to help maintain pupils who remain at school after they are 16. The amount of the award varies according to the age of the child, the parental income, and the number of children in the family. It is based on the Free School meals income scale and awards are reviewed termly.

assistance with ESSENTIAL CLOTHING

This is another discretionary payment, and may be awarded by an Education Welfare Officer. Contact the Education office if you wish to claim this benefit.

free school TRAVEL Pass

If your child travels three or more miles to school, or if you move 2 miles or more during the final year of your child's junior education and the child does not change school, you can claim a free bus pass for your child. Passes are issued annually in September.

assistance with TRAVEL EXPENSES

Assistance may be given by the education department to families in receipt of Supplementary Benefit or FIS. You may get help if you live over 1 mile from school but less than 3 miles walk from school. And if your family spends more than 20 pence a week on bus fares, you may qualify for help with bus fares.



Anyone wishing to apply for any of these grants should apply at the school which your child attends, or to the Schools' Administration section at the City of Manchester Education Office, Crown Square, Manchester M60 3BB or at the Education Office in Mount Road.

If you have any difficulty with any of these claims, the Claimants Union will be pleased to give any help we can.

Claimants Union 642 Stockport Rd.

BIRCH

IN

RUSHOLME



Birch, formerly called Hindley Birches, can be traced back to the reign of King John.

Previous to 1281 the Grelles, lords of Manchester granted the Birch lands to Mathew de Haversage for faithfull service at the Crusades. On payment of 3/- (old money) per year the conveyance contained the right of feeding swine in the woods and grinding corn at any of the mills. Birch Mill is mentioned in one of the deeds.

The boundaries stretched from Nico Ditch, the remains of which can be seen in Platt Park, north to Gore Brook, to Rushford, opposite Slade Lane at the Stockport Road end.

Up to 1700 for eighteen generations, there never failed to be a male heir to the Birch estate.

One Ralph Birch fought at Agincourt, and gained for the family a grant of arms, three fleur-de-lys.

A William Birch who was a warden of University Cambridge, and died in 1575, left money in his will for mending bridges and highways three miles from Birch, and money to twenty poor widows of Manchester and Salford (if not unthrifty) and to twenty poor maidens on their marriage, also money to the poorest of Rusholme, Withington and Didsbury.

In Cromwell's time a Thomas Birch figured largely in the Parliamentary Army against Charles 1st. Born in 1608 he was made Chplain of a regiment in 1642. At a banquet given in Manchester by the Royalists to Lord Strange, (afterwards Earl of Derby) Captain Birch ordered his regiment to fire on the Royalists. Rain, however put out the matches which fired the guns and his regiment was routed. Captain Birch hid under a cart and earned himself the nickname "Lord Derby's carter", an epithet he never forgave.

In 1643 he took the rank of Major, and

after attacking Preston and Lancaster gained the rank of Colonel.

Later, in 1649 he became an M.P., and sequestrator of lands, amongst which was land of Lord Derby. Part of this land was bought by Humphrey Chetham, on which he built Chetham's Hospital, which remains to this day.

After the battle of Worcester the Earl of Derby fell into the hands of Colonel Birch who obtained permission, and gloated over the execution of the Earl: Paying off an earlier grudge.

Later he followed the Countess of Derby to Castle Rushen in the Isle of Man, and took her prisoner to Chester, where she died. (Mention is also made of a Thomas Sydell of Slade Hall who was executed for his support of Prince Charles, and his head exhibited on the Royal Exchange, as was his father's before him.)

After 400 years the Birch estate was sold to George Croxton in 1743 who sold it to John Dickenson in 1745, whose father had married into the Birch family in 1679.

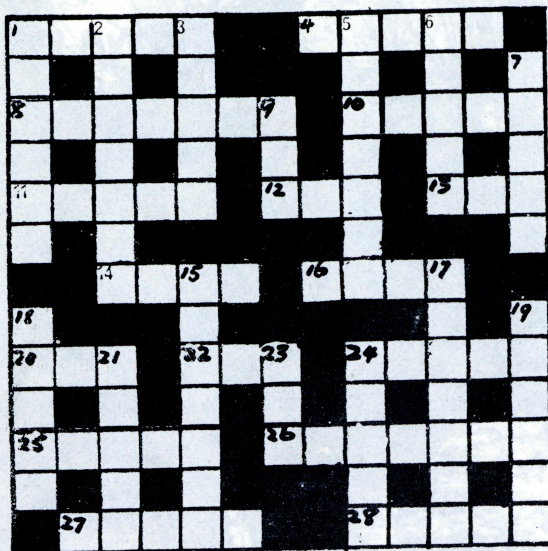
John Dickenson's town house was in Market Street Lane in the City. Here he entertained the Pretender on his visit to Manchester in 1745. From this circumstance it was named the Palace, and later Palace Buildings.

The third John Dickenson's daughter married in 1815, General Sir William Anson, and thus the name Anson is associated with the district of Birch.

The Anson family were blood relations of the Dickensons, the Vernons, and the Lords Howards of Effingham through inter-marriage.

Admiral Anson, born 1697, was the second man to sail round the world, Drake being the first.

Crosswords



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. 9D. 16. I'm a bit mad (5.3.4). 4. A good hand at pontoon? (5). 8. Just plain mire (3.4). 10. At the back of the mouth (5). 11. Makes a din (5). 12. That's the lot (3). 13. 20. - - Black Sheep (3.3). 14. Birds and Beasts (4). 16. See 1 across and 9 down. 20. See 13 across. 22. 23D. - - , Three bags full (3.3). 24. A country on the tea table (5). 25. Look, it's a step (5). 26. Keep in touch with this with Longsight News (7). 27. I'm his nephew (5). 28. River in Africa (5).

DOWN

1. In custody? (6). 2. Never ending (7). 3. Goes with dilly (5). 5. Roll along (7). 6. You might get one from a rich man's table (5). 7. The lady's the same whichever way you look at her (5). 9. See 1 across. 15. 24. Councillor Franklin wore it recently (7.5). 17. Piloting the car (7). 18. Depth of despair (5). 19. You should find one at the Law Centre (6). 21. Once more, not a loss (5). 23. See 22 across. 24. See 15 down.

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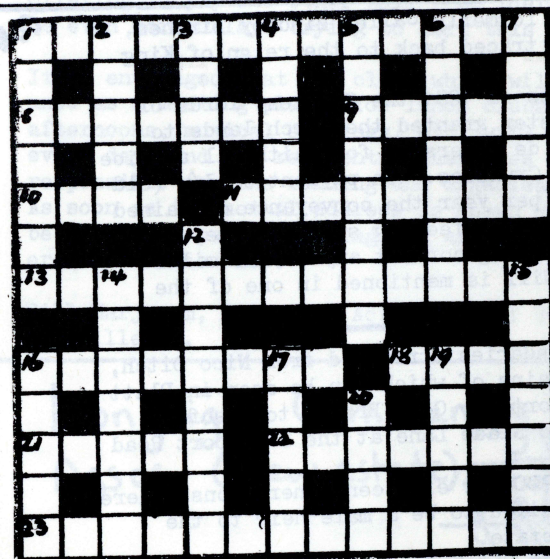
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ACROSS

1. 8. Mixed high round oboe enters with a hundred, which every town needs (13.7). 9. Sometimes has variations on it (5). 10. In favour some is not yours (4). 11. Turned up and waited upon (8). 13. Front page caption, far seeing information (9.4). 16. Grand, Coach service! (8). 18. Urge on (4). 21. Sounds bad, but bigger in size (5). 22. Makes you cross, mouth holds more than stomach (7). 23. To make a world requires sweets? (5.8).

DOWN

1. Metallic sounding surname (7). 2. Depopulated part of City! (5). 3. Let's hope you come to none! (4). 4. Tens and nothing different at the beginning (5). 5. A series of these will probably leave you beaten! (8). 6. Its past time to do with the revue (7). 7. Fear in bed reading horror books? (5). 12. It amazes, but mixed oats and German has a point (8). 14. Successful fishing? (7). 15. There ain't none on me (7). 16. The spirit is going up with high tension at bed time (5). 17. Shock for a f-friend? (5). 19. Running-mate, what a caper (5). 20. Sign of the cross (4).

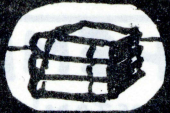


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ACROSS: 19D. 16. Round the bend. 45. Stick 8 Mud Flat 10. Uvula 11. Noddy 12. End 13. 20. Baa baa 14. Same 22. 23D. Yes sir 24. China 25. Stair 26. Reality 27. Uncle 28. Nigger
DOWN: 1. Remand 2. Undying 3. Dally 5. Trundle 6. Crumbs 7. Madam 15. 24. Mayoral chain 17. Driving 18. Abyss 19. Lawyer 21. Again

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LONGSIGHT LIBRARY.



The new Longsight Library is situated on the main Stockport Road, north of the junction with Kirkmanshulme Lane and opposite the new Health Centre. The building should be completed by the end of this year and it is hoped to open during the first months of 1978. The old Longsight Library, at the rear of the Public Hall will then close. The new library will act as the head-quarters of the East area of the City of Manchester Cultural Services Department. A staff of 7 qualified librarians and 17 library assistants will be based there.

THE LENDING LIBRARY will supply a full range of fiction & non fiction. In this section it is also intended to develop the service, already started at the old library, of supplying books in Asian languages and books by Caribbean authors.

THE CHILDRENS LIBRARY - books for children from pre-school to teenage. There will be a special area for story reading sessions. Next door to the Childrens Library will be an activity room for children for doing arts and crafts.

In THE REFERENCE LIBRARY it is intended to provide an information service to individuals, local organizations and firms. Much of the information will be in the form of leaflets, pamphlets, and newspaper cuttings rather than books.

THE AUDIO-VISUAL LIBRARY will lend records, cassettes and framed prints for a small charge. Present charges are: records & cassettes - 5p per item per week; framed prints - 25p per print for 3 months.

On the first floor there will be a LECTURE THEATRE seating approx 120 people, equipped with film and slide projection facilities, a stereo record and cassette playing system, a piano, TV, overhead projector, etc. The room & equipment will be available for use by local groups and also for activities promoted by the Cultural Services Dept eg. film shows, record recitals, talks.

Apart from the lecture theatre on this floor there will also be a large OPEN AREA, originally intended as the reference library, for which display screens, dividing screens & chairs are being bought. Part or all of this area could be used for exhibitions, meetings, concerts, theatre, teaching. Also on this floor will be FOUR STUDY CARRELS which can be used by people wishing to work in complete quiet, as interview rooms, or for learning a language with Linguaphone Cassette Tapes.

As the building has all these facilities it is important that it is developed as a real community library for LONGSIGHT. This is why it's important that people should become interested NOW. As the librarian I should like to know how local people feel the library should be developed and what facilities and activities would help to make it a real community library. Please get in touch with me - PAT COLEMAN, at LEVENSHULME LIBRARY, Tel 224 2775.

COMPUTER: DOES AWAY WITH TICKETS.

Details of borrowers name and address will be fed into a computer. This will do away with the trays of tickets and cards which are a familiar feature of libraries at present and should help to speed up the service.

.. AND JOBS!

ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT TO LONGSIGHT NEWS POINTS OUT THAT THE INTRODUCTION OF THE COMPUTER IN THE NEW LIBRARY IS TO BE PAID FOR BY CUTS IN THE REFERENCE SECTION. ALSO THE COMPUTER SYSTEM WILL MEAN LESS JOBS FOR LIBRARIANS.

LIBRARY NEWS

PAPERBACKS

Longsight Library now has a collection of about 1,000 books in paperback which are already proving very popular. Many people prefer reading paperbacks because they are light and easy to hold, and, these days, many titles appear in paperback only

BOOKS IN ASIAN LANGUAGES

The collection of books in Urdu, first provided in January, is growing rapidly to cope with the great demand. Since April, the library has also had books in Panjabi and Hindi. Because of the heavy use being made of these books it has already been decided to allocate a large sum of money for books in Asian languages at the new library.

SUMMER STORY HOURS AND CHILDRENS OUTING - please see back page for details.

LONGSIGHT GARDENING CLUB

Gardening Tips for June - July

June: Weeding and watering are the principal jobs this month.

Earth up potatoes.

Plant out tomatoes in a sunny position

Sow turnips/for winter at the end of June.

Seeds of perennials can be sown in seed bed.

July:

Feed outdoor tomatoes when fruits have set.

Water peas if any and mulch with grass cuttings.

Top dress window boxes, tubs and hanging baskets.

Continue to plant celery and leeks for main crop.

Plant out sprouts, savoys and cabbages. Watch for greenfly and spray.

MEMBERS STILL NEEDED

Apply: Evelyn Armstrong
26 Mull Avenue,
Longsight.

SUMMER PLAY SCHEMES

LONGSIGHT ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

The playground is still planning it's events for the summer playscheme which is run jointly with Manchester Council for Community Relations. So far the only dates finalised are those for the summer camp - the first week's group leave on Monday, 15th August, the second on 22nd August - both to a camp-site near Keswick in the Lake District. Other events which we expect to organise are a parents/childrens bus trip, probably to Rhyl; weekly day-trips in the van (except during the camp); a special 'festival day' with open-air disco, inflatables, theatre group, various stalls etc; pottery sessions, which we hope to continue as a regular weekly event after the holidays, local outings - perhaps to the docks, a farm, museums and other adventure playgrounds and other activities yet to be finalised.

LONGSIGHT LIBRARY

SUMMER STORY HOURS IN THE PARKS

During the summer library staff will again be telling stories to children in the parks throughout East Manchester. Dates in Longsight as follows:

Tues Aug 2nd 2.15pm, Crowcroft Park
Tues Aug 9th 2.15pm Ardwick Green
Tues Aug 23rd 2.15pm, Birchfields
Thurs, Sept 1st 2.15pm, Crowcroft Park.

ANNUAL SUMMER OUTING FOR CHILDREN

This has been arranged provisionally for Aug 11th. Exact details of destination, time, cost etc will be available from the library shortly.

PLAYSCHEME TRAINING COURSE at LONGSIGHT PUBLIC HALL.

Every Thursday eveing - open to anyone involved in playschemes. TIME 8.00pm - 9.30pm.

Thursday July 7th: Practical session on arts & crafts, giving everyone an opportunity to experiment with lots of different ideas eg. collage, painting, papier mache, printing, silk s screening (bring an old T shirt) etc.

Thurs July 14th: A session on all types of ga games (Inflatables to be brought along). Towards the end of the session time will be g given for open discussion on any other aspects of playschemes that people want to cover.

ALSO:

Saturday July 16th - Workshop : The day will attempt to introduce workers to creative play ideas by involving them in a typical imaginative playday such as would be run on a playsch scheme. The area that will be covered will be all types of games, drama, art & craft techni techniques and musical instruments, together with a session on general playscheme organisat- ion. Workshop is 10am - 4pm

ST. CHRYSOSTOM'S

During the first 2 weeks of August the St Chrysostoms Primary School playscheme will take place. This is being arranged by some of the parents of St Chrysos- toms kids, and will help provide an answer to the in- evitable summer holiday question: "What do I do now Mum?"

There will be a number of bus trips, and various act- ivities in Swinton Park such as a Punch and Judy sh show, fancy dress party etc. Parents are now meeting approximately once a fortnight to plan the events a and at the moment the programme includes: Knowsley Lion Park, 1st August; Punch and Judy, 2nd Aug; River Bollin, 4th Aug; Wythenshawe Park, 5th Aug; York City, 9th Aug; and Southport 13th Aug.

As this is the first playscheme we've organized we want to keep it small, so this year it will be limit- ed to children who attend St Chrysostoms.

It should be a lot of fun for the kids, and parents too. Details of trips, events, and costs (very low) will be given out at school later on. Anyone wanting further information at this stage, or who is keen to help should contact Christine Gilliburn through the school.

SLADE LANE

Slade Lane Neighbourhood Centre are organising a 'summer playscheme' for the 6-12 age group over a period of four weeks commencing 1st. August. Incorporated in the playscheme will be; several camping trips, a families coach trip to Blackpool, numerous days out to places of inter- est and many daily organised activities includ- ing a fund raising fete.

In order for the playscheme to be a success we need the support and assistance of both parents and children and would like to take this oppor- tunity to extend an invitation to you to attend an Open Meeting to discuss the playscheme and put forward your ideas and suggestions. The meet- ing will take place at Slade Lane Neighbourhood Centre 642 Stockport Road, Longsight at 7.30pm on the 13th. July 1977.

ANSON ESTATE

During the summer holidays there will be a playscheme in the Latter Day Saints Hall and grounds. The age range for the playscheme will be five to nine years old.

Two adults will be in charge and there will be a small admission charge of 5p a session. The children will be given orange juice and bis- cuits.

The hall will be open from ten in the morning until twelve noon. Also if possible, two in the afternoon until three thirty. The hall has a limit to the children who can attend. You will receive a leaflet through your door and if you want your child/children to go to the play- scheme please return the slip to the address below:

37 Old Hall Lane, Longsight.

GREENWOOD HOUSE

Starting the second week of the holidays and finishing one week before the children go back to school.